

## **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2010. A petition for a two month extension of time (with fee) is filed concurrently.

Claims 19-46 are pending. The allowability of these claims relative to the prior art of record is noted with appreciation. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the thorough search and thorough evaluation of the pending claims.

Claims 19 and 43 have been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner. In addition, in each of those claims "alpha beta-unsaturated" has been replaced by " $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated" as being the more conventional nomenclature.

The Examiner has inquired in paragraph 5 whether the high molecular weight refers to the crosslinked polymer or the crosslinking agent. The claims have been amended for clarity and the specification at paragraphs 19 and 21 make it clear that the molecular weight can only refer to the cross-linked polymer. Accordingly, it is submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

## **Conclusion**

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

**NOVAK DRUCE + QUIGG LLP**

Date: January 31, 2011

/Jerold I. Schneider/

Jerold I. Schneider

Registration No. 24,765

525 Okeechobee Blvd., 15th Floor

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Phone: 561-847-7800

Direct: 561-847-7840

Fax: 561-847-7801